वर्ष 1991–92 के दौरान पश्चिमी अपतट में कुल 3 तेल की और 2 गैस की प्राप्तियां हुई हैं। भंडारों की मात्रा को स्थापित करने के लिए अधिक कार्य करने की आवश्यकता है।

जलायी जा रही गैस को काबू करना

352. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 12 फरवरी, 1992 को दैनिक "फाइनेंसियल एक्सप्रेस" में "गैस फ्लेयरिंग टू बी अरेस्टिड बाई 1994–95" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने देश में वर्तमान में जला कर नष्ट की जा रही प्राकृतिक गैस का समुचित उपयोग करने के लिए कोई समयबद्ध योजना बनायी है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) 1991 के वर्ष के अन्त में देश में बगैर किसी उपयोग के जला कर नष्ट की जा रही प्राकृतिक गैस की कुल मात्रा और उसका मूल्य कितना था ;

(ङ) क्या सरकार उद्योगों को अधिक मात्रा में गैस की पूर्ति करने का विचार रखती है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो सरकार ऐसा किस तरह से करेगी ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द): (क) से (ग) जी, हां। गैस के दहन को कम करने लिए विभिन्न परियोजनायें हाथ में ली है।

(घ) वर्ष 1991 के दौरन 613 करोड़ रुपये मूल्य की 4632 मिलियन घन मीटर गैस को जलाया गया था।

(ङ) और (च) उत्पादन को बढ़ाकर और संपीडन तथा परिवहन सुविधाओं में वृद्धि करके आपूर्तियों में वृद्धि की जाएगी।

Production of Natural Gas

333. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SMT. MIRA DAS:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total natural gas production in the country during the last three years with separate figures for Bombay high Offshore on shore on Tapti gas fields;

(b) what is the loss of gas through flare-up including loss at Bombay High and Tapti in terms of quantum and value at Kelkar Committee's calculation on landfall point; and

(c) the measures taken to prevent the flare-up?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The information is given in the attached statement. [*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 9].

(c) Apart from the projects alredy implemented to reduce the flaring of gas, ONGC's Gas Flaring Reduction Project is being implemented in the Western Offshore. Projects for enhancing the compression and transportation facilities in Gujarat and Assam also being implemented.

Catering Rates in Trains

334. SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased catering rates in trains;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking steps to improve the catering services and quality of food served in trains; and

(c) whether Government propose to start any result-oriented programme in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The prices of tea/coffee, meals and breakfast were increased during last month.

(b) and (c) Railways always strive to improve the quality of food and service. This is an on-going and continuous process. Frequent inspections are conducted and suitable remedial and penal measures taken based on these inspections. A decision has since been taken to induct reputed/professional caterers to manage catering services on the Railways.

Derailment of Tata-Chandigarh Express Train

335. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tata-Chandigarh Express Train was derailed by suspected Jharkhand activities in Dhanbad Division of Eastern Railway in December, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details of the passengers affected and the losses incurred by Railways in the incident;

(c) whether Government have paid any compensation to the affected passengers;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what action Government have taken to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) On 22-12-91, 9 coaches of 8101 UP Tatanagar-Amritsar Express derailed between Dudhinagar and Jharokhas stations on Dhanbad Division of Eastern Railway. The derailment occurred due to removal of fish plates and at rail joints by miscreants.

(b) to (d) There was no casualty in this accident and as such the question of payment of any compensation does not arise. The cost of damage to Railway Property has been estimated at Rs. 55,000/-

(e) The following preventive measures have been initiated to eliminate possibility of such accidents in future:—

(i) Night patrolling by gangmen has since been introduced in this section.

(ii) Local Police Station/Dudhinagar, U.P., is maintaining watch over the section with a view to preventing theft of track fittings.

(iii) Close liaison is being maintained with Police and Civil Authorities to assist in investigation and exchange of crime intelligence.

Halt of Rajdhani Express at Allahabad

336. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the number of passengers who get down and board at Allahabad in both Up and Down Rajdhani Express since Rajdhani Express started stopping there, giving details month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : The daily average number of passengers who travelled to Allahabad from New Delhi and Howrah and from Allahabad to these destinations by 2301/2302 Rajdhani Express trains since its stoppage was priovded at Allahabad is as under :—

Month	To Allahabad		From Allahabad	
	from NDLS	from HWH	To NDLS	To HWH
1	2	3	4	5
March '91 (w.e.f. 16-3-1991)	6·2	4·5	3·9	8·4
April '91	5·3	7·2	3·1	9·1
May '91	9·7	7·0	3·7	11·5
June '91	12·7	7·0	6·2	15·5